

### APPENDIX III

#### ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Pursuant to the requirements and guidelines of the National Environmental Protection Act, the Council on Environmental Quality, the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the State Environmental Policy Act, the following is a summary of environmental considerations regarding the plans and policies contained in the land use and housing elements:

- (1) Abstract: The purpose of these elements is to provide a guide for accommodating the expected growth of Vance County in a manner which promotes desirable and suitable use of physical resources. The factors which influence housing are related to future needs. The plans and policies included, would if implemented, improve the living environment of the residents of Vance County.
- (2) Environmental Impact: The plans and policies, implemented, should have a favorable impact on the environment.
- (3) Adverse Environmental Effects: The plans and policies, if implemented, should not create any adverse environmental impact.
- (4) Alternative: The alternative to having a land use and housing plan is to ignore housing needs and to have no plan for guiding growth. This would lead to a continued decline of housing conditions, and to haphazard develop-